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SUBJ: CSCE: CBMS -- CANADIAN PROPOSAL ON MANEUVERS

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1. US REP DREW ON INSTRUCTIONS IN REFERENCE DURING CAUCUSES ON APRIL 2 AND 3, AND ALLIES INCLUDING CANADA WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY FAVORED USING MATRIX APPROACH TO BREAK CBM STALEMATE GENERALLY AGREED THAT CIRCUMSTANCES WERE FOR TIME BEING NO LONGER APPROPRIATE. ALLIES INSTEAD NOW FAVOR STICKING WITH EXISTING POSITIONS ON ALL PARAMETERS AND SEEKING SOVIET CONCESSIONS, IN PARTICULAR ON AREA OF APPLICATION, ONCE TACTICS HAVE BEEN AGREED FOR DEALING WITH SOVIET CONDITION THAT MANEUVER CBM MUST BE VOLUNTARY (SEE SEPTTEL NOTAL).

2. CANADIAN REP SAID OTTAWA WOULD NOT FAVOR PRIVATE SOUNDINGS WITH PACT REPS ON MATRIX IDEA UNLESS ALLIED CONSENSUS SUPPORTED THIS APPROACH.

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3. IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION, NEUTRAL CAUCUS LEADER
(GEN KUNTNER -- AUSTRIA) ALSO TOOK VIEW THAT MATRIX IDEAS
(INCLUDING CANADIAN VERSION AND NEUTRAL VARIANTS)
SHOULD BE WITHHELD AT LEAST UNTIL SOVIETS HAVE SHOWN
THE FLEXIBILITY THEY CLAIM TO HAVE ON PARAMETERS. IF
THEIR FLEXIBILITY PROVED INSUFFICIENT, KUNTNER THOUGHT
MATRIX IDEA MIGHT BE RESURRECTED. US REP ENCOURAGED
VIEW THAT NEUTRALS SHOULD POSTPONE ANY USE OF MATRIX
FOR TIME BEING.
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